



Re: Fwd: Yellow Lines on Westminster

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Daniel Amstutz <DAmstutz@town.arlington.ma.us>

Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 11:25 AM

To: Alisa Pascale <alisapascale@gmail.com>

Cc: JMaxtutis@beta-inc.com, laura.swan.tac@gmail.com, shoji.takahashi@gmail.com, "Thouis (Ray) Jones" <thouis@gmail.com>

Dear Alisa,

Thank you for your email. I am copying the TAC Executive Committee as well as Ray Jones, who has been in touch with residents along Westminster Ave recently regarding traffic safety concerns on Westminster Ave as well as Lowell Street. I am not aware of TAC making specific comments or recommendations for line striping on Westminster Ave except for white stop bars at the Westminster Ave/Westmoreland Ave intersection. Line striping design is under the purview of the DPW Engineering Division in conjunction with the Arlington Police Department, which oversees traffic signs and markings in Arlington. TAC will sometimes advise on pavement markings when there is a project they are reviewing for the Select Board, or in other cases. In this case I will have to defer to other TAC members for information on the yellow centerline striping for Westminster Ave.

Best,

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From: Alisa Pascale <alisapascale@gmail.com>

To: damstutz@town.arlington.ma.us

Date: Wed, 28 Sep 2022 10:27:48 -0400

Subject: Fwd: Yellow Lines on Westminster

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RE the earlier email I sent about the double yellow lines on Westminster Ave.
Here are some comments from other Westminster neighbors as well.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Doctrow Susan <srdoctrow@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Yellow Lines on Wesminster

Date: September 28, 2022 at 10:19:18 AM EDT

To: john.burkhardt@gmail.com

Cc: corilsmith24@gmail.com, alisapascale@gmail.com, Mt Gilboa neighborhood List <mt-gilboa-neighborhood-list@googlegroups.com>, David Rines <rinesarbor@gmail.com>

The good news is that the paint won't last long but I agree it looks inappropriate on our street. I guess it was well-intended, if someone on the TAC thought it would be safer, but it's a good idea to make it clear that residents don't like it. It does make it seem like a highway...

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2022, at 10:04 AM, John Burkhardt <john.burkhardt@gmail.com> wrote:

They also woke us up at 1:30 am to do it. It does make our little street seem like a highway now and I worry people will treat it that way. Why was this prioritized over the cross walk on Lowell St that was never repainted after they re-surfaced the road years ago?

On Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 9:30 AM Cori Smith <corilsmith24@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I was really surprised to see these, especially when there are 10 cars that park on the church side ALL day long, making it so no one can actually use that side of the road. Very confusing.

Cori

On Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 9:26 AM Alisa Pascale <alisapascale@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Neighbors,

Was anyone else dismayed to wake up and find double yellow lines painted along Westminster Ave?

This happened once before in the 23 years that I have lived on Westminster Ave and the neighbors complained about it at the time and since it hasn't happened again for years I was hoping that it was no longer an issue.

I called the Division of Highways in Arlington Public Works today who said it was at the discretion of the TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee). So I have written the Chairperson of the TAC to find out the reasoning behind

these new yellow lines. If anyone in the neighborhood knows more, let me know.

My husband David and I observed that the last time they painted double lines ~ 8 or 10 years ago? they only seemed to 1) make cars go faster and 2) made people (or guest visiting, etc) afraid to park on the street blocking the "lanes" - so they park up on the berm/lawns/etc which hurts the green spaces and compresses street tree roots.

If anyone else is interested I will share what I find out from the TAC representative.

Have a good rest of your week everyone,

Alisa Pascale

109 Westminster Ave

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Alisa Pascale <alisapascale@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 11:41 AM

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Thank you very much. We do have safety concerns about the speed of traffic but now these yellow lines make people feel they can drive even faster — so works against our goals for sure! Westminster looks like a highway now. I have heard back from 5 other concerned neighbors as well. I look forward to hearing from the other TAC members and while the lines are now painted we hope that this does not happen again in the future. I did start with a call to Public Works Highway Department who referred me to TAC... so if I/we need to be in touch with someone else in the town, let me know that as well and I will followup.

Thank you again for your prompt reply & help with this. We have an active neighborhood email list and I will keep them all posted as well.

Regards,
Alisa Pascale
109 Westminster Ave

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Alisa Pascale <alisapascale@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 29, 2022 at 8:26 AM

To: Daniel Amstutz <DAmstutz@town.arlington.ma.us>

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Hello again,

There has been lots of neighborhood concern about the double yellow lines painted in Westminster Ave. Who can the neighbors reach out to to express to the town that it has effectively encouraged people to speed up more on Westminster Ave?. We feel less safe and even more concerned about speeding.

Please let me know who we can reach out to express our concern and ensure that this never happens again.

Thank you,
Alisa Pascale
109 Westminster Ave

Sent from my iPhone so please excuse any typos!

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